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SUBJ: SPANISH JOURNALISTS TOUR ON MAKING OF U.S. FOREIGN POLICY

IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNTRY PLAN OBJECTIVE 1 PROJECT 6, POST
PROPOSES THREE-WEEK U.S. TOUR FOR FIVE SPANISH FOREIGN EDITORS
ON THEME "MAKING OF U.S. FOREIGN POLICY". TOUR PROPOSED FOR
THIRD QUARTER, PREFERABLY DURING FEBRUARY, BUT AT CONVENIENCE
CU AND AGENCY ELEMENTS INVOLVED.

PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVE TOUR GIVE INFLUENTIAL SPANISH FOREIGN
EDITORS BROADER UNDERSTANDING OBJECTIVE CONDITIONS,
INTERACTIONS AMONG GOVERNMENT BRANCHES, AGENCIES AND BETWEEN
GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE INTEREST GROUPS AS WELL AS CIVIC
ORGANIZATIONS THAT INFLUENCE FORMULATION OF U.S. FOREIGN
POLICY. SECONDARY IMPORTANT OBJECTIVE PROVIDE JOURNALISTS WITH
SUBSTANTIVE BRIEFINGS ON U.S. POLICIES REGARDING KEY ISSUES,
I.E. MIDDLE EAST; ENERGY; FOOD AND POPULATION; DETENTE;
LAW OF SEAS; UN; RELATIONS WITH EUROPE, CHINA, JAPAN,
SPAIN, THIRD WORLD; ECONOMIC PROBLEMS.

POAST TENTATIVELY SUGGESTS TOUR INCLUDE INTERVIEWS WITH TOP
ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS, CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS INCLUDING
SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE STAFF; VISITS TO WASHINGTON-
BASED LOBBYIST ASSOCIATIONS; ATTENDANCE NATIONAL PRESS CLUB;
VISITS NATIONALLY INFLUENTIAL NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES;
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AND TRAVEL TO OTHER CITIES TO MEET WITH FOREIGN AFFAIRS

COUNCILS MEMBERS (POSSIBLY IN NEW YORK, CHICAGO, LOS ANGELES) INFLUENTIAL ACADEMIC AND BUSINESS LEADERS AND TO DEMONSTRATE HOW DOMESTIC CONDITIONS NECESSARILY AFFECT U.S. FOREIGN POLICY POSITIONS. RE LAST ITEM, SUGGEST CONSIDERING MEETING WITH VOCAL TUNA FISH INDUSTRY LEADERS IN SAN DIEGO TO OBTAIN IMPRESSION ON HOW LAW OF SEAS ISSUES DIRECTLY AFFECT ECONOMIC PROSPECTS FOR THIS IMPORTANT INDUSTRY AND POSSIBLY WITH FOOTWEAR INDUSTRY LEADERS IN NEW ENGLAND TO GAIN A BETTER APPRECIATION OF PRESSURES LEGITIMATELY EXERTED ON GOVERNMENT TO PROTECT AN INDUSTRY THAT HAS SUFFERED FROM LOWER-COST FOREIGN IMPORTS WITH ITS REPERCUSSIONS ON LOCAL ECONOMY, EMPLOYMENT.

AS WITH PREVIOUS THEMATIC TOURS FOR SPANISH JOURNALISTS, POST PREPARED FUND DOMESTIC U.S. TRAVEL AND PER DIEM FROM GOE, AND EMBASSY COMMITTEE HAS AGREED COVER INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL FROM IVP BUDGET. POST RECALLS IO MORAD DISCUSSED PROJECT WITH CU/WE DIRECTOR STRAUSS DURING WASHINGTON VISIT LAST JULY. ON BASIS OF THAT CONVERSATION AND UNDERSTANDING RECEIVED AT PAO CONFERENCE LAST MAY, POST IS OF THE OPINION THAT CU/WE WOULD CONSIDER ASSIGNING FOREIGN PRESS CENTER AS PROGRAMMING AGENCY FOR THIS SPECIFIC PROJECT INASMUCH AS WHOLLY ORIENTED TOWARD JOURNALISTS. POST REITERATES ITS PREFERENCE FOR FOREIGN PRESS CENTER BUT IS OPEN TO OTHER SUGGESTIONS OF OTHER COMPETENT PROGRAMMING AGENCY IF DEEMED NECESSARY.

DUE PERENNIAL DIFFICULTY FINDING IMPORTANT SPANIARDS WHO CAN ARRANGE THEIR HEAVY SCHEDULES AND COMMITMENTS TO TRAVEL AS GROUP, POST MUST KNOW TRAVEL DATES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO INSURE FIRST-CHOICE PARTICIPATION. ADVISE.
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